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1. HERewith FULL TEXT CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR EDITORIAL,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, HEADED "KISSINGER'S STAND ON AFRICA."

2. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS SAID MANY OF THE THINGS
BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS WANTED TO HEAR FROM THE AMERICAN
DIPLOMAT ABOUT RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. FACED WITH A
CLEAR CHOICE BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITIES AND WHITE
MINORITIES, THE SECRETARY CAME DOWN CLOSER THAN EVER ON THE
SIDE OF THE BLACKS. IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENTS
OF IAN SMITH IN RHODESIA AND JOHN VORSTER IN SOUTH AFRICA
CAN DERIVE ANY COMFORT FROM THIS IMPORTANT NEW STATEMENT
OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA.

3. DR. KISSINGER HOWEVER WENT BEYOND MERELY WARNING THOSE
TWO REGIMES. HE ALSO DELINEATED MAJOR U.S. EFFORTS TO HELP
BLACK AFRICA IMPROVE ITSELF ECONOMICALLY BY INCREASED IN-
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FUSIONS OF AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT AID. HE CITED ASSISTANCE

TO ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, TWO BLACK NATIONS HARD HIT BY CARRYING OUT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. HE OFFERED THE USE OF AMERICAN SATELLITES TO COLLECT BADLY NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT CROPS, WEATHER, AND WATER RESOURCES

IN AFRICA. HE PROMISED ATTENTION TO BUILDING A MODERN TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ADDED THAT AMERICANS WOULD BE URGED NOT TO VISIT OR RESIDE IN RHODESIA AND RECOMMENDED STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF SANCTIONS.

4. BUT THE MAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL THRUST OF HIS POLICY SPEECH IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, WAS THE WARNING NOTE FOR NEIGHBORING RHODESIA'S 270,000 WHITES. HE CITED "UNRELENTING OPPOSITION" TO WHITE MINORITY RULE THERE AND SUPPORTED THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE, THROUGH NEGOTIATION, WITHIN TWO YEARS. THIS MENTION OF ACHIEVING MAJORITY RULE THROUGH NEGOTIATION IS IMPORTANT, FOR IT RULES OUT SUPPORT FOR USE OF ARMED FORCE BY BLACK AFRICAN GUERRILLA ATTACKERS--A STEP SOME BLACK LEADERS HAVE ADVOCATED. IT ALSO MEANS THE U.S. ENDORSES BRITAIN'S SUGGESTION OF A TWO-YEAR TIME LIMIT, WHICH IS NOT SOON ENOUGH FOR MILITANT BLACKS AND MUCH TOO SOON FOR IAN SMITH THUS FAR.

5. BUT DR. KISSINGER ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE PLIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL RHODESIAN WHITES, MANY OF WHOM FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY IN THEIR COUNTRY. HE TOLD THEM THAT "WHITES AS WELL AS BLACKS SHOULD HAVE A SECURE FUTURE AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN A ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA) THAT HAS ACHIEVED RACIAL JUSTICE."

6. NOR DID THE SECRETARY NEGLECT TO CRITICIZE SOUTH AFRICA, JUST SOUTH OF RHODESIA. HE URGED THE VORSTER GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE A TIMETABLE ACCEPTABLE TO THE WORLD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA). HE COUPLED THIS WITH A WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICA TO "HEED THE WARNING SIGNALS OF THE PAST TWO YEARS" ABOUT PUTTING AN END TO ITS APARTHEID RACIAL POLICY.

7. THE EFFECT OF THESE AND OTHER KISSINGER PRONOUNCEMENTS IN THE SPEECH ARE TO CLEAR THE AIR ON WHERE AMERICAN STANDS
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ON THE VITAL BLACK-WHITE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT BESET AFRICA TODAY. NOTHING HE SAID WAS RADICALLY NEW, BUT THE FACT THAT HE SAID IT PLAINLY, IN AFRICA AND TO AFRICANS, GREATLY INTENSIFIED THE IMPACT. HE ALSO REMINDED AFRICANS TO LOOK AHEAD TO COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN CASTIGATE IT FOR PAST NEGLECT.

8. BLACK AFRICAN EXTREMISTS DOUBTLESS WILL NOT BE SATISFIED

WITH THE KISSINGER WORDS. BUT HE WAS SPEAKING TO MORE
MODERATE LEADERS PRIMARILY--AND AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF
PROMISING OR THREATENING WHAT HE COULD NOT HOPE TO DELIVER.
WHAT WILL BE WATCHED CAREFULLY IN AFRICA IS HOW WELL WASH-
INGTON'S MAN DELIVERS ON THE COMMITMENTS HE DID MAKE--AND
WHAT RESULTS STEM FROM HIS PUTTING U.S. WEIGHT INDISPUTABLY
BEHIND BLACK AFRICA'S CHERISHED OBJECTIVES. (END TEXT) SISCO

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